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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a \square continuation \boxtimes divisional continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/987,157 filed on November 13, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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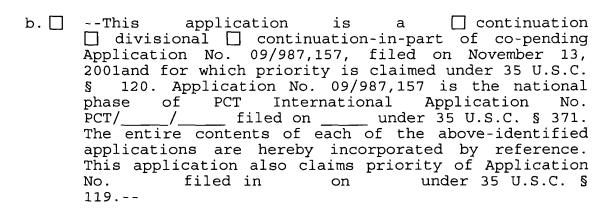
- \boxtimes Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, 1. drawings/photographs claims, declaration and applicable).
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- 4.

 Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
- 5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
 - a. A --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/987,157, filed on November 13, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 2000-344809 filed in Japan on November 13, 2000 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.-



6.		Enclosed is/are <u>twenty</u> ($\underline{20}$) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.					
7a.		A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/987,157 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.					
7b.		The current application qualifies for small entity status.					
8.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned to <u>Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha</u> .					
9.		A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.					
10a.	\boxtimes	Priority of Application No(s). 2000-344809 filed in Japan on November 13, 2000 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on November 13, 2001.					
10b.		Priority of International Appln filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.					
11.	\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.					
12.	\boxtimes	Address all future communications to:					
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13.		An extension of time for() month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/987,157 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.					
14.		Also enclosed herewith is the following:					

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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